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INVESTIGATION INTO THE 29 MARCH 1994  
ATTACK AGAINST U.S. CITIZEN TOURIST JUNE DIANE WEINSTOCK IN SAN  
CRISTOBAL, ALTA VERAPAZ DEPARTMENT. THIS INCIDENT WAS REPORTED

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IN THE U.S. PRESS AND PROMPTED, IN PART, THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ISSUING OF A TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR GUATEMALA ON 30 MARCH.

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[REDACTED] RESULTS OF [REDACTED]  
INVESTIGATION INTO THE EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH A MARCH 29, 1994 ATTACK AGAINST U.S. CITIZEN JUNE DIANE WEINSTOCK IN SAN CRISTOBAL, ALTA VERAPAZ DEPARTMENT REVEALED THAT THE CHAIN OF EVENTS STARTED WHEN WEINSTOCK CARESSSED THE HEAD OF GUATEMALAN CHILD WHILE WATCHING A MIDDAY EASTER PROCESSION IN THE TOWN. THE CHILD'S MOTHER BEGAN TO SCREAM THAT WEINSTOCK WAS ATTEMPTING TO STEAL HER CHILD WHEN SHE SAW WEINSTOCK TOUCHING THE CHILD. GUATEMALANS QUICKLY GATHERED AROUND WEINSTOCK AND BEGAN TO STRIKE OUT AT HER AND U.S. CITIZEN MICHAEL ANTHONY LEWIS WHICH CAUSED BOTH TO FLEE AND TO SEEK HELP FROM UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE. THE POLICE ACCOMPANIED WEINSTOCK AND LEWIS TO THE LOCAL MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE.

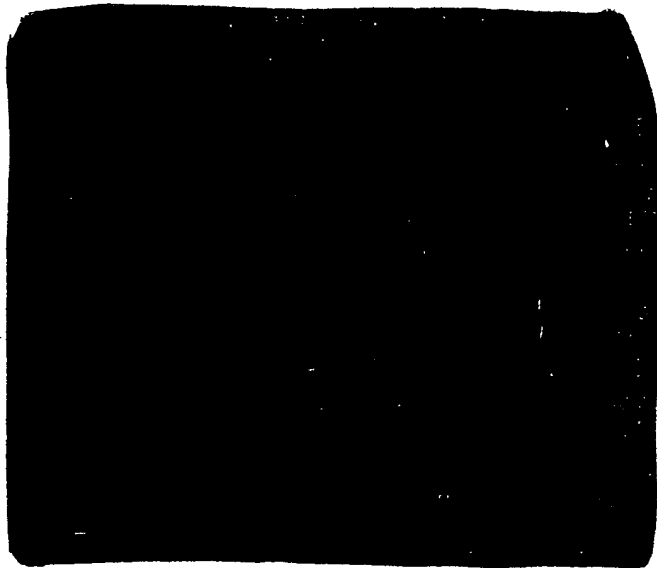
[REDACTED] IN THE HOURS THAT FOLLOWED, A CROWD GATHERED OUTSIDE THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE. AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 HOURS, VARIOUS STRIKING EMPLOYEES OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT (CAMINOS) FROM SANTA CRUZ IN ALTA VERAPAZ, ARRIVED AT THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE. THE STRIKING WORKERS WERE ARMED WITH MACHETES AND CLUBS, AND BEGAN TO INCITE THE CROWDS THAT WERE GATHERED. AT ABOUT 1630 HOURS, PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED ENTERED THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE AND SEVERELY BEAT WEINSTOCK. AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, THREE INDIVIDUALS SET FIRE TO THE BUILDING AND URGED THE MOB OUTSIDE TO BURN THE ARCHIVES MAINTAINED WITHIN THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE.

[REDACTED] ONCE MILITARY REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FROM THE MILITARY HEADQUARTERS COMPOUND IN COBAN, THEY ASSISTED THE NATIONAL POLICE TO ARREST 20 GUATEMALANS IDENTIFIED AS MOB LEADERS AND

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE RIOT AND ASSAULTS. [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] IT APPEARS THAT MEMBERS OF A LOCAL NEWS CREW MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FILM THE EVENTS OUTSIDE THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE, AND MAY HAVE POSSIBLY FILMED THE ACTUAL ATTACK AGAINST WEINSTOCK.

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